

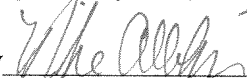
REMARKS

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to correct improper dependencies. Applicants believe that claims 4 and 5 now properly fall in Group I as characterized by the Examiner. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended, and claims 14 and 15 added, to conform to U.S. practice. Applicants believe that claims 8, 9, 14 and 15 are correctly placed in Group I as characterized by the Examiner.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-5, 8, 9, 14 and 15) for continued examination.

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